

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED  
ETHIOPIAN POET LAUREATE  
TSEGAYE GABRE-MEDHIN

**HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2006*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Ethiopian Poet Laureate Tsegaye Gabre-Medhin who passed away on February 25, 2006 at the age of 69 in his New York home.

Mr. Tsegaye Gabre-Medhin left behind a legacy of poetry and literary works that continue to inspire generations.

Tsegaye was born in 1936 in the town of Boda during the Italian invasion of Ethiopia. As a youth, he showed great promise as a writer. In elementary school he wrote and produced "King Dionysus and the Two Brothers," a play that was attended by Emperor Haile Selassie.

Tsegaye grew to become one of his country's most prominent literary figures and an international voice for African culture and peace. A prolific writer, he created more than 30 plays and numerous poems. Many in Ethiopia have claimed him to be that nation's "Shakespeare". For Tsegaye, poetry and theater were paths to inspiring hearts and condemning violence.

After completing secondary education in Ethiopia, he attended Blackstone School of Law in Chicago where he graduated in 1959. But, theater, not law, was his lifelong calling. In 1959 and 1960, he studied experimental drama at the Royal Court Theater in London and the Comedie-Francaise in Paris.

Tsegaye revolutionized theater with his portrayals of the poor and the forgotten, war, imperialism, human failings, and courage. While his work delighted the public, 18 of his 33 plays were banned by one government or another. He put into words what many could not say. Tsegaye's poem, "The Day's Hunger Consumed," voiced an Ethiopian public's outrage at the news of famine raging in the north.

From 1961–1971, he was artistic director of the Ethiopian National Theater. In 1964, "Oda Oak Oracle," a play written in English about Ethiopian country life and lore was produced around the world thrilling audiences in Africa, Great Britain and the U.S.

In 1971, Tsegaye was awarded a fellowship to the University of Dakar to study African cultural antiquities. That research led to a Fulbright Scholarship which enabled him to tour the U.S. lecturing on Ethiopian art and literature. During the 1970s, he helped found the department of theater at Addis Ababa University. He also worked as an Oxford University Press editor and in 1975 served as Vice Minister of Culture and Sports.

Tsegaye's contributions to art and history are recognized worldwide. In 1966, he was awarded Ethiopia's highest literary honor—the Haile Selassie Prize for Amharic Literature. Other awards include the Gold Mercury Ad

Personam Award in 1982; Fulbright Senior Scholar Resident Fellowship Award at Columbia University in 1985; Human Rights Watch Free Expression Award in New York in 1994. In 1997, the Congress of World Poets and the United Poets Laureate International conveyed on him the title of Poet Laureate. The Norwegian Author's Union, along with the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Cultural Affairs, conferred its Annual Freedom of Expression Prize on Tsegaye in 2005.

Poet Laureate Tsegaye held membership in many distinguished organizations, including the African Writer's Union and the African Researcher's Union. While Tsegaye received many honors, one of his most prized was when the African Union selected one of his poems for its anthem. In the poem, Tsegaye wrote, "Let us make Africa the tree of life."

Ailing health forced Tsegaye to leave his beloved Ethiopia in 1998 to move to New York for medical treatment that was not available in Ethiopia. Undeterred by illness, weakened eyesight, and an exhausting regimen of medical procedures, he continued to educate and inspire through his art, his unwavering social consciousness, and his sense of purpose and humanity.

Through his literature, Tsegaye's pride in Ethiopia and love for Africa will live with us forever.

I close with one of Tsegaye's more famous quotations, "I crave for knowledge. I envy tolerant, peaceful folks. I am frightened by ignorance. I loathe violence."—Tsegaye Gabre-Medhin

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
ALAN F. CLAYTON

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2006*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Alan Clayton, who recently retired after more than 24 years of distinguished public service. His leadership in numerous advocacy efforts has helped to improve the life of Latinos in the United States, especially for my constituents in the 38th Congressional District and throughout California.

Alan Clayton has been working in public policy and civil rights since 1985. Over the next two decades, he held a wide and lengthy variety of positions fighting for equal opportunity, advocating fair representation, and defending key programs. He has most recently worked as the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity for the Los Angeles County Chicano Employees Association since 1994. His work has been recognized by civil rights organizations, Latino employee groups, and many local agencies.

In 1985, while he was a State civil rights representative for the California League of United Latin American Citizens, Alan filed a

petition with the Governor and legislature over the lack of representation for Latinos in California State Government. His work led to a joint legislative task force on the issue, and further efforts resulted in a redistricting for Los Angeles that better reflected representation for the Latino community.

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Chicano Employees Association, Alan filed a complaint against the California Department of Health Services in 1987 for their systematic discrimination against Latinos in their hiring and promotions. The complaint was settled in 1992, resulting in the successful allocation of funds towards equal opportunity recruitment.

Alan has also been a leader in advocating for Latino empowerment in the redistricting of the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Unified School District. These redistricting efforts in 1991 led to the election of a second Latino to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board and a third Latino to the Los Angeles City Council.

His work on civil rights continued in 1997, when he began a five year effort fighting for a state senate bill that would allow extended outreach to minority groups and women in recruitment programs conducted by public sector agencies.

Through his role as Director of Equal Employment Opportunity at the Los Angeles County Chicano Employees Association, Alan co-drafted and was the principle advocate for the Schiff-Cardenas Juvenile Justice Act of 2000. It has since provided over 550 million dollars of new money for juvenile programs administered both by probation departments, governmental agencies, and community based organizations. Since 2001, Alan has played a leading role in increasing representational fairness in Los Angeles County, both through ballot efforts to expand the Board of Supervisors, and through work that has increased the Latino community's ability to elect candidates of their choice for both the school district and city council.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to personally acknowledge and congratulate Alan Clayton for his many years of dedicated work. I ask my colleagues to join me and the many organizations in applauding his important efforts on behalf of California's Latino community. I wish him and his wife Diane continued success, health and happiness in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2006*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, on May 11, 2006, I missed rollcall vote No. 141, an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for FY07 offered by Congressman GOODE (VA). I was unavoidably detained. If I had been present, I would have voted "aye."

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# HONORING HERRICK HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

## HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2006*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Herrick High School's academic team for surpassing fifteen other high schools in Nassau County to earn the title of Nassau County Champions in The Long Island Challenge. The Challenge, sponsored by Cablevision's Power to Learn educational initiative, is a televised game show encouraging academic competition among high schools on Long Island and New Jersey.

Under the supervision of their academic advisor Craig Lagnese, team captain Akhilesh Pillalamarri, Yaagnik Kosuri, Amol Jain and Andrew Kim rose to the occasion, proudly representing their school. Their exceptional knowledge of history, science, math, arts, and literature carried them through this competition and on to victory.

On May 25, 2006 the team will proceed to the Long Island Championship, where they will compete with the Suffolk County Champions. The victor of this match will continue on to challenge the champions of the New Jersey Challenge, and will be named the Challenge Champions.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my congratulations to the students representing Herrick High School. Their academic excellence will, I am sure, bring future successes that they, their families, and their community will be proud of. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in honoring these four outstanding students, and wishing them luck on their continued journey in the Long Island Challenge.

# GERMANY'S WORLD CUP BROTH- ELS: WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT GRAVE RISK OF EXPLOITATION

## HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2006*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, recently I chaired a hearing of the Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations Subcommittee regarding the deadly combination of international sporting events and legalized prostitution, which creates an increased risk that women and children will be trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. In approximately one month, athletes and fans will be gathering for one of the premiere, worldwide sporting events of our day, the 2006 FIFA World Cup. The Subcommittee heard testimony on reports that the World Cup will sadly be an impetus for the exploitation of women. For most soccer fans like myself, this quadrennial spectacle is the showcase of world class athleticism and teamwork, but looming in its shadow is the very real potential that the World Cup matches will be a catalyst and magnet for sex trafficking into Germany.

The World Cup opens on June 9, and over the course of one month at 12 venues throughout Germany, national soccer teams from around the world will be playing. Millions

of fans will join in the festivities. For the last year, the German Government has been preparing for this sports bonanza, coordinating security efforts with all neighboring countries, and attending to the myriad of details associated with such major international events. There is no doubt that human traffickers have also been working overtime to exploit this opportunity to improve their illicit revenues through the expected rise in demand, especially in the so-called sex industry.

Today we join our counterparts in the European Union who have expressed their worries that there will be an explosion of prostitution and trafficking during the time of the World Cup. The European Parliament rightfully recognized in their resolution passed on March 15 that major sporting events result in a "temporary and spectacular increase in the demand for sexual services." A number of actions were outlined that should be undertaken by Germany and their European neighbors, as well as by the sports associations involved, to warn potential victims and assist those who are trafficked, to "roundly condemn trafficking in human beings and forced prostitution", and to inform and educate the general public and potential clients in an effort to curb the demand.

During the February meeting in Vienna, as Head of the U.S. Delegation and as Special Representative on Human Trafficking for the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, I vigorously raised concerns about the trafficking prevention efforts for this event. I was joined by other European parliamentarians who were sobered by the expectation that, especially since the matches are being held in Germany which legalized pimping and prostitution in 2001, the World Cup fans would be legally free to rape women in brothels or even in mobile units designed specifically for this form of exploitation. Of the approximately 400,000 prostitutes in Germany, it is estimated that 75 percent of those who are abused in these houses of prostitution are foreigners, many from Central and Eastern Europe.

Europeans and Americans are not the only ones who have trained their eyes on this explosive situation. Vivi Akakpo, West Africa coordinator for the All Africa Conference of Churches said, "It is now public knowledge that organized syndicates have plans to bring in young women, particularly from Eastern Europe and from other poor countries, to Germany in time for the World Soccer Cup 2006." The EU Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting last week adopted a commendable list of best practices which should be undertaken by member states holding major international events. Among the seven initiatives was the commitment to develop and implement measures that discourage the demand for trafficking victims.

All EU member states to some extent are affected by trafficking in women. Significant numbers of trafficked women coming to Germany are from Ukraine, Bulgaria, Russia, Belarus, Lithuania and Romania. Law enforcement reports that large enterprises and international networks run an organized "industry" with political support and economic resources in countries of origin, transit and destination. Corrupt officials are often implicated.

Traffickers use a variety of methods to recruit and move their victims, often utilizing legal avenues to illegally traffic women and children. Legitimate travel documents can be

obtained for "trips to Germany" for the women and such documents as visas and passports are used to cross international borders, after which the trafficking victims disappear or overstay their visas. Traffickers, however, also use fraudulent documents to obtain genuine travel documents or use altered or counterfeit papers, thus making it more difficult for law enforcement to detect a trafficking victim.

Those that work with the victims of human trafficking have reported that trafficking of women and girls for the so-called sex industry usually heightens during international sports events. According to the BKA (the German Federal Criminal Investigation Office) annual report in 2001, an inquiry of 414 trafficked women revealed that 45 percent were forced into prostitution through violence, torture, rape or intimidation. Research conducted by Melissa Farley at Prostitution Research & Education found that 71 percent of women surveyed were physically assaulted while engaged in prostitution and 89 percent wanted to escape prostitution.

I am aware that the German Government is supporting public awareness efforts regarding trafficking for forced prostitution in the context of the World Cup. This is a somewhat absurd effort given that the infrastructure of legalized prostitution allowed in Germany is gearing up to expand its capacity during the World Cup and there is every reason to believe that the "new recruits" into prostitution will be trafficked women and girls. I see this as flagrant state complicity in promoting sex trafficking.

As Sister Lea Ackermann, the Catholic nun in Germany who founded SOLWODI—SOLIDARITY with Women in Distress, has declared, "We have decided to flash the 'red card' to those prostitution profiteers" who are taking advantage of the World Cup crowds. The president of the German Soccer Federation, Theo Zwanziger, came to the conclusion that they needed to change the Federation's position on prostitution after he became aware of the horrors that women forced into prostitution face. As the federation president has recognized, "We did underestimate the whole issue [of prostitution] and I regret that, I say it quite openly."

Ladies and gentlemen, it is time for Chancellor Merkel to take a stand and speak out against the exploitation of women and children in the name of sport. I would encourage her government to turn the tables beginning now with the World Cup, and commit to reversing Germany's laws on prostitution. We can all join together in the fight to combat human trafficking and make the forced prostitution of women and girls more difficult for the traffickers.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act requires that every year the United States Department of State analyze and report on the problem of trafficking in persons around the world. If Germany is providing direct or indirect sanction for sex trafficking, then Germany does not deserve to be ranked as a tier one country.

As the world will turn its attention to soccer, those committed to ending the tragedy of trafficking of women and girls for sexual exploitation will be watching how Germany protects the most vulnerable. I hope that the German Government is ready.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5122) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to this enormous defense authorization bill. At \$512.9 billion, this defense authorization is \$2.7 billion more than the president's request.

What concerns me most about this authorization, however, is that it seems to focus more on defending other nations than on defending the United States. U.S. troops are based in more than 100 countries overseas, in many cases guarding foreign borders and ports while our own borders and ports remain almost completely unguarded.

The hundreds of billions of dollars spent overseas by this bill will do very little to defend the United States against attack. In fact, our interventionist foreign policy that is funded to a good degree by this bill actually makes the United States less popular overseas and may even unintentionally make the United States more of a terrorist target. At any rate, it definitely makes us less secure.

This bill sends overseas hundreds of millions of dollars in foreign aid. For example, this bill will send almost \$400 million as aid to Russia. Additionally, the bill will send \$200 million to help build additional NATO bases overseas, even though the Cold War has been over for more than 15 years.

This legislation will send almost two billion American taxpayer dollars to Central and South America in the hopes that the production of drugs overseas will be curtailed. We do know that much of the money spent on Plan Colombia and similar programs over the past few years has not made much of a dent on drug cultivation, but that much of it is likely being skimmed off by corrupt leaders overseas. There must be a better—and less expensive—way to deal with this problem than sending this much money overseas.

The bill also opens the door for more military interventionism overseas, directing the Pentagon to report to Congress on any current or planned U.S. military activities in support of peacekeeping missions of U.N. or NATO forces in Sudan.

Mr. Chairman, as a Vietnam-era U.S. Air Force veteran, I am in favor of a strong defense of the United States. I believe we need to focus on our own homeland security rather than spending half a trillion dollars on policies and programs that will not make Americans more safe, but may well have the opposite effect. We need to re-focus our defense priorities on the United States, on our own borders and our ports.

## HONORING CADET LIEUTENANT BRANDON J. ARCHULETA

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2006*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brandon Jason Archuleta, a distinguished Class President of the United States Military Academy at West Point over four consecutive years, a forthcoming graduate, and my constituent from the great city of Montebello, California.

On Saturday, May 27, 2006, Cadet Lieutenant Brandon Jason Archuleta will complete his term at West Point Academy with a Bachelor of Sciences degree in American History and a commission as a Field Artillery Officer in the United States Army. As a freshman, or "Plebe," at West Point, he was elected by 1200 of his peers as President for the Class of 2006. During his second year he was re-elected to a life-term representing his peers, while he continued to expand his academic accomplishments and his extracurricular involvement. He has received the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Assault badge, while his leadership has been profiled by both MSNBC and the New York Times.

Brandon's studies included research into comparative politics, political participation, legislative procedures, defense policy, international security, and the media. In his fourth year, Brandon focused his senior thesis on American Politics. His work highlighted Hispanic Members of Congress and analyzed how concerns over ethnicity impacted their voting behavior and representation. While preparing this thesis, Brandon visited the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), interviewed several members, and was invited to attend a Caucus meeting in Washington where he met Senator KERRY. His study makes a unique contribution to the West Point academic community, as one of the first known research efforts on Hispanic Members of the 109th Congress.

Brandon Archuleta was born on November 24, 1983, to Bob and Vera Archuleta. A lifelong Montebello resident, he attended La Merced Elementary and Intermediate schools, becoming heavily involved in the Student Councils at both schools. He became an Eagle Scout, played baseball for several years, and developed artistic skill in both band and drama. Brandon attended St. John Bosco Catholic High School in Bellflower, and remained involved in: the varsity football team, 3 terms as class president, swim team, campus ministry, and the school newspaper. Brandon graduated with honors from St. John Bosco in 2001, and was chosen to deliver their commencement speech on behalf of his graduating class.

Shortly after graduating, he traveled to New Jersey where he attended the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, followed by his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2002. As a Field Artillery Officer, Archuleta's first assignment will be with the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia. After five years of preparation and training, Brandon is ready for another five year commitment as a commissioned officer in the United States Army.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to personally acknowledge and commend Brandon

Archuleta for his dedication to leadership and continuing service to our country. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Brandon on his many achievements, especially upon his West Point graduation, and honoring his exemplary service as a role model for America's youth. I wish him all the best for his future.

## A TRIBUTE TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOLSOM DAM

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2006*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Folsom Dam, a one million acre-foot multiple-purpose reservoir near Sacramento, California, that was completed 50 years ago this month, in May 1956. Severe storms have hit the greater Sacramento metropolitan region a number of times in the last 50 years and without the Folsom Dam, Sacramento would undoubtedly have flooded and caused millions of dollars of damage to the region. As local, State, and Federal officials gather to celebrate this significant achievement, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Folsom Dam.

Folsom Dam was initially authorized as a 355,000 acre-foot flood control unit, but in 1949 it was reauthorized as a 1,000,000 acre-foot multiple-use facility. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began building the dam in October 1948 and officially completed construction in May 1956. Even before the facility was completed, Folsom Dam was already storing water and was finished just in time to contain flows from a winter storm that filled the dam in a week. This first test of Folsom Dam proved that it would be able to successfully contain flows from severe storms and thereby prevent major flooding in Sacramento. Each year since 1956, Folsom Dam has prevented potential flooding from winter storms and spring snow melt.

After the dam's completion, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers transferred Folsom Dam to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for coordinated operation as an integral part of the Central Valley Project. Although its primary purpose is flood control, Folsom Dam stores water for irrigation and urban use as well as for electrical power generation, salinity control in the Bay-Delta, ecosystem restoration, and recreation. Directly below the dam is the Folsom Power Plant consisting of three generators that produce almost 200,000 kilowatts of clean, renewable electricity to meet the need of nearly 10 percent of the power used in Sacramento each year.

The largest demand for water stored at Folsom Lake has been from California's vast agricultural needs. The crops grown from water stored at Folsom include beans, almonds, apricots, asparagus, peaches, tomatoes, walnuts, and dozens of the other fruits and vegetables that drive the State's economy.

Moreover, Folsom Lake State Recreation Area ranks as the most popular lake in the California State Parks and Recreation system with more than 1 million visitors annually. At the lake, visitors can enjoy themselves with such activities as boating, fishing, hiking, cycling, running, camping, and picnicking.

For 50 years Folsom Dam has provided the residents of Sacramento with increased flood protection, recreation, water storage, and power. With proposed modifications to Folsom Dam in the pipeline, Californians will enjoy even greater flood protection in the years to come. Mr. Speaker, as residents of Sacramento gather to commemorate this significant milestone, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the 50th anniversary of Folsom Dam.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
CHEERLEADERS OF VICTORIA  
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN VIC-  
TORIA, TEXAS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2006*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cheerleaders of the Victoria Memorial High School in Victoria, Texas for their

many recent accomplishments during the school year that is about to be completed.

Not only did these Cheerleaders win 1st place at the Universal Cheerleaders Association Regional Championship on December 11th, 2005, earning a bid to the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida. They also won 1st place at the Universal Cheerleaders Association State Championship on January 29, 2006.

Moreover, they won 1st place at the Universal Cheerleaders Association National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida on February 12, 2006. The squad competed against 52 of the top cheerleading squads from across the Nation in the Small Varsity Division. The Memorial High School Cheerleading squad worked their way to the top spot in the Nation by placing among the top ten squads in the Nation since 2001.

In addition to their cheerleading duties, which include cheering at numerous athletic events held by their school and a rigorous practice schedule, each of these girls must maintain an overall grade average of 80 or

above. They also participate in numerous community service activities, such as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, The American Heart Association's Heart Walk, and Red Ribbon Week. Additionally, they work with elementary and middle schools, building and promoting school spirit.

I want to congratulate Amanda Dunn and Spencer Streetman, Co-Head Cheerleaders as well as the rest of the squad, including: Caitlin Klare, Shelley Frerich, Ashley Blackburn, Marlee Mize, Syndal Brown, Brittney Morris, Sheina Farooqui, Kelcey Newell, Jordan Payne, Stephanie Bess, Ashton Bland, and Kay Boles.

I also wish to commend Head Coach Denise Neel, Choreographer Missy DeLuna and Assistant Coaches Ricky Contreras, Lindsay Neel, Bennie Cunningham, and Sarah Jammers.

Again, Mr. Speaker, my heartfelt congratulations to all those associated with the Cheerleaders of the Victoria Memorial High School in Victoria, Texas on a job well done.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MAY 17

9:30 a.m.

## Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dale Klein, of Texas, to be Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Molly A. O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-628

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Iran's political/nuclear ambitions and U.S. policy options.

SD-419

## Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian youth suicide.

SR-485

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine understanding the benefits and cost of Section 5 pre-clearance requirements of the Voting Rights Act.

SD-226

10 a.m.

## Appropriations

## Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine physician-owned specialty hospitals.

SD-215

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the proposed Ryan White Modernization Act of 2006, proposed Mine Safety and Health Act of 2006, proposed Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006, S. 860, to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and the nominations of Jerry Gayle Bridges, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, and Vince J. Juaristi, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts,

and Peter W. Tredick, of California, each to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, J. C. A. Stagg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, and Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

SD-430

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service Broadband Program.

SR-328A

2 p.m.

## Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the role of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights relating to advancing the human dimension in the OSCE, focusing on the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and its role in monitoring elections in OSCE countries.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael D. Kirby, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, John A. Cloud, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, April H. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Michael Wood, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Sweden, and Robert Anthony Bradtke, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

SD-419

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the Federal government's security clearance process, focusing on the progress of the Office of Personnel Management in implementing a plan to address the long-standing backlog of security clearance investigations, including the next steps by the Office of Management and Budget, and the recent halt by the Defense Security Service in processing government contractor security clearances.

SD-342

## Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SH-219

## MAY 18

9 a.m.

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

9:30 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1881, to require the Secretary of the Treasury

to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", S. 633, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and S. 2784, to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding; to be followed by a hearing to examine the report to Congress on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policies.

SD-538

## Foreign Relations

To continue hearings to examine Iran's political/nuclear ambitions and U.S. policy options.

SD-419

## Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

SH-216

10 a.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes.

SD-106

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert Irwin Cusick, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, Office of Personnel Management.

SD-342

## Aging

To hold hearings to examine caring for seniors during a national emergency.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to markup the proposed innovation bill.

SD-562

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine unobligated balances, focusing on their treatment and how they affect agency budgeting and programming, including what happens to these accounts when they expire, and how Office of Management and Budget, the Treasury and the agencies treat them.

SD-342

## Foreign Relations

## Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine transition from crisis to peaceful democracy in Nepal.

SD-419

3 p.m.

## Judiciary

## Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine AT&T and BellSouth merger and what it means for consumers.

SD-226

<p>MAY 19</p> <p>9 a.m. Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Institutes of Health. SD-192</p>	<p>10:15 a.m. Judiciary To hold hearings to examine the McCarran-Ferguson Act, focusing on implications of repealing the insurers' antitrust exemption. SD-226</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138</p>	<p>Veterans' Affairs To hold hearings to examine pending benefits related legislation. SR-418</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine Pacific Salmon Treaty. SD-562</p>
<p>MAY 22</p> <p>2 p.m. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lurita Alexis Doan, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services. SD-342</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Energy and Natural Resources To hold hearings to examine nuclear power provisions contained in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. SD-366</p>	<p>2:30 p.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine 2006 hurricane forecast and at-risk cities. SD-562</p> <p>Energy and Natural Resources Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine S. 1135, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah, S. 2466, to authorize and direct the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest land and other land in southeast Arizona, and S. 2567, to maintain the rural heritage of the Eastern Sierra and enhance the region's tourism economy by designating certain public lands as wilderness and certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in the State of California. SD-366</p>	<p>JUNE 8</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Business meeting to markup S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes. SH-216</p> <p>JUNE 14</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine alternative energy technologies. Room to be announced</p>
<p>MAY 23</p> <p>10 a.m. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs To hold hearings to examine improving financial literacy in the United States. SD-106</p> <p>Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine price gouging related to gas prices. SD-562</p> <p>Energy and Natural Resources To hold hearings to examine the National Research Council report, Managing Construction and Infrastructure in the 21st Century Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Report, Managing for Excellence: An Action Plan for the 21st Century. SD-366</p>	<p>MAY 25</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education. SR-485</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To resume hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes. SD-106</p>	<p>JUNE 15</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the Coast Guard budget. SD-562</p>
<p>MAY 24</p> <p>10 a.m. Energy and Natural Resources Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366</p>		<p>POSTPONEMENTS</p> <p>MAY 17</p> <p>10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine accelerating the adoption of health information technology. SD-562</p>